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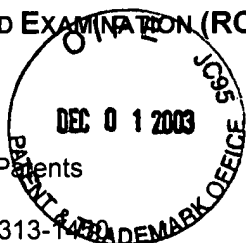
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/576,499
Filing Date	May 23, 2000
First Named Inventor	Richard E. Williams
Group Art Unit	3728
Examiner Name	Troy G. Arnold, III
Attorney Docket Number	2429/4-1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. (✓) Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. () Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- ii. () Other: _____
- b. () Enclosed
- i. () Amendment/Reply
- ii. () Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s): _____
- iii. () Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. (✓) Other: Return Post Card; PTO/SB/22

2. Miscellaneous

- a. () Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. () Other: _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 38 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. (✓) The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0930.
- i. () RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. () Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. (✓) Other: Any deficiencies in the enclosed fees
- b. (✓) Check in the amount of \$385.00 enclosed
- c. () Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Name (Print/Type)	Michael H. Baniak / Steven B. Courtright	Reg. No.	30,608 / 40,966
Signature	<i>Steven B. Courtright</i>	Date	December 1, 2003

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